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SUNDAY MESSAGES

What Some of Astoria's Clergymen Had to Say.

WISDOM FROM THE PULPITS

Rev. Mahone on the Absolute Duty of Applying the Christ—Rev. Rydquist Preaching on the Sterling Character of John, the Baptist.

The moral welfare of this city is in good hands and for the benefit of those who could not attend church yesterday, the Astorian publishes such reports as it could get, of the Christian messages delivered here:

At the First Congregational Church Rev. Luther Mahone spoke from the theme, "What will you do with Jesus," at the evening service. He said in part: "There are a great many things in the world to which we can be indifferent. It matters but little as to whether we are for or against. We can go on our way and feel that it is none of our concern. But the attitude that we must have toward the Christ can not be thwarted or one that we cannot pass by and give no heed. There are thousands that wish they could. Sooner or later the issue must be met and met for all time to come.

"If the questions were put to the people today as they were in the time of Christ, the answers would be as varying as they were then. 'I will have nothing to do with Him,' says one. This was the advice that Pilate received from his wife on that great day when Jesus was brought before him, bound and accused. 'Have nothing to do with that just man,' Pilate would have gladly followed this counsel. He tried in many ways to get rid of the task that was imposed upon him. But turn which way he would, Jesus still stood before him waiting his verdict. Pilate had to accept the situation, and act, and so must every other person.

"Some shift the responsibility because they are not members of the church. Pilate was not a member of the church but he had to act. Others try to get their friends or some one else to decide for them. Pilate tried to do this. He sent Jesus to Herod hoping that he would take up the case. It reminds us of the shifting of the responsibility relative to the enforcement of the laws on our statute books. One officer excuses himself that it is not his business and would have another do the work and thus the whole crowd perjure themselves.

"They tried to ignore the Christ but he could not be ignored. Their last remedy was to destroy Him. Men in every age have tried to destroy the Christ, but he still lives. He forsook the tomb. His place was not there. The place of the Christ is in the busy work-a-day world. His place is with the man who is weighted down by the cares of this life. With him who is bearing the burdens of the state, the church, the home or the business world.

"They crucified Christ about two thousand years ago but he is more of a factor in the world today than he was then. His churches have been pulled down; his disciples imprisoned; his ministers murdered; his Gospel burned; but he rides on to the conquest of the world. Never did he have so many followers as he has today.

"He cannot be silenced; He cannot be conquered; He cannot be ignored; He cannot be destroyed. What shall we do with Him? What have you done with Him? We should open our hearts and give Him the largest welcome possible. He stands at the door and knocks. He waits for your verdict. We must either be for or against Him. We cannot serve two masters."

Rev. G. E. Rydquist, pastor of the First Lutheran Church, preaching on John, the Baptist, last evening said in part:

"As the word of the Lord came to John in the wilderness to go before His people he was willing and prompt to do the bidding of the Lord. Most of his predecessors had some scruples to overcome or excuse to offer.

"Not that with John was better prepared than many of them. Other prophets had appeared before him, great and mighty in word and deed; but they had stood afar off; they had to peer into the distant future to see, as in a vision, the coming of the Lord, the glories of His day. They were moved and enraptured by that vision, at the prophets of the people of God. They spoke of promise, and touched their hearts and moved them to hope in its fulfillment.

"But at best the distance was there.

The promises and the Messianic hopes were more or less enshrouded and visionary. John had the advantage in being able to say NOW and to point to him who was the fulfillment of the promise, to the Messiah as the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world.

"The more alive we are to our duties, the more real and near these are to us; the more interest we take in them and the more willing we are to perform them.

"An employer is some times asked how many hands he employs. I would like to erase that sentence from our English language; it makes machines out of men, and is a relic of slavery times. Work is honest, is a blessing, even the manual labor. But never work as 'hands' but as hands; mind, and heart combined, and in such work you will succeed.

"Heaven and eternal life are visionary and unreal to us, very much so. Men sometimes doubt the existence of such a place and condition. Why? Because they do not bring their reality into experience and practice right here. Religion is not a fire escape placed at your death bed. It should be admitted into your heart and life; the sooner the better, and all spiritual ideas and conceptions will become near and real to you.

"Promptness in whatsoever duty that falls to our lot to perform is very important. You cannot afford to overlook this fact. There is only one time in which to do a duty and that is the right time. It takes brains to see it some times but it pays. Too soon is too soon and too late is too late, the one is often times just as injurious as the other.

"John, the Baptist, was fearless in bringing his message before the people. He was not like many preachers who sugar truth, whitewash lies, and flatter to gain popularity and flavor. He was just as fearless in speaking the plain truth to the haughty Pharisee as to his corrupt king. Thus should we all be."

SALARIES ARE CUT.

Mutual Life's Vice-Presidents' Salaries Reduced.

New York, Dec. 31.—Among the cuts in salaries at the Mutual Life Insurance Company which have been made but not previously announced, says the Tribune are those of Robert A. Granniss, and Dr. Walter R. Gillette, vice-presidents. Up to a short time ago Mr. Granniss was drawing \$50,000 a year and Dr. Gillette \$40,000. At the demand of the Truesdale Committee each has had his salary cut \$10,000 a year.

The resignations of Mr. Granniss and Dr. Gillette from the Mutual board have been rumored from time to time. The cut in their salaries is taken as an indication that they will hold their places, although it is remembered that when the Truesdale committee announced that the president's salary and various others had been cut they said also that this does not preclude the acceptance of resignations if such action should later be considered advisable.

A RELIABLE MEDICINE

An Opinion That Should Be Of Interest To Every Person In Astoria.

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